PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF A FIELD TRIP

**Grade Level:** 11th/12th Grade (DC History)

**Location:** *African-American Civil War Museum (by U St. Metro)*

**Date of Trip:** 4/12/17 (Eta) & 4/14/17 (Epsilon)

**Departure Time:** 1pm (Eta) & 11am (Epsilon) **Release Time:** 3pm (Eta) & 1:30pm (Epsilon)

**Cost of Trip: Free (Must bring Metro card/money & bag lunch or money for lunch)**

**Purpose of Field Trip:** As the class moves into the period preceding and including the Civil War it is important to focus our attention on African-American soldiers in the Civil War. Before the Civil War Washington, DC provided unique opportunities for both free blacks and slaves alike, and became a popular destination for all African-Americans. Before spring break our class watched *Glory*, which showed the impact of the 54th Mass. Regiment, the first entirely African-American regiment in the United States. We will also be discussing how the war impacted the capital - its defense, policies, and the lives of soldiers and civilians in it. Being able to visit the African-American Civil War Museum will allow students the opportunity to see specific stories, artifacts, and perspectives that will give them a more personal and real understanding of what DC citizens and African-American troops went through during the Civil War, from the start of the war through its conclusion.

**Transportation:** We will be taking the metro to and from the African-American Civil War Museum. *Please make sure your child has their metrocard/DC One Card or money to purchase a farecard loaded with at least $5.00 for the round-trip fare.* Eta students only will be dismissed from the trip to go home (with a signed permission slip), unless they need to come back to campus for after-school activities or a bus.

**Lunch:** Please bring money for lunch. Students will be going to lunch near U st. Metro with their advisory.

**Attire**: School uniform, which includes khaki pants and a blue, white or grey collared shirt with the crest. Please bring weather-appropriate outerwear and comfortable shoes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joseph Dumas at [jdumas@latinpcs.org](mailto:jdumas@latinpcs.org).

**Washington Latin PCS- *African-American Civil War Museum***

Students will be allowed to leave directly from the museum, which will be approximately 3:00pm. Please sign below, if you give permission for your child to depart from U St.. Mr. Dumas will not accept phone permission the day of the trip. Students without signed permission slips will return to school with faculty via metro. **Permission slips must be submitted to advisors by Tuesday, April 11th**.

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